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Bird Droppings



UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

JANUARY 28th ---- FOURTH SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 25th – FOURTH SUNDAY
MARCH 25th ----- FOURTH SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
 - Support scholarships for avian vet students
 - Yearly Bird Fair
 - Club Library for members
 - Grooming available
 - Avian rescue/relocation programs
 - Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Periodic Service projects
 - Field Trips
 - Educational Programs upon request
 - Save molted feathers for craft projects
 - Make-it-take-it workshops
- And more.....

Come join us and have your feathers preened by other Pet Bird Enthusiasts

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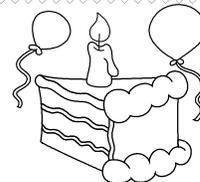
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN

BOARD

Steve Plafchan is doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to him at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com.

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter – this is YOUR newsletter.

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MONTHLY SNACK LIST

A few years ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all. **YUM!!**



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

Birds come into our lives to teach us about love. They depart to teach us about loss. A new bird never replaces an old bird; it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many birds, your heart is very big.

(Author unknown)

The above poem was submitted by club member Jim Lamb.

BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



FROM THE PREZ:



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Ok everybody say it with me, 2018, again 2018 one more time 2018, but you know what, I will still date something 2017 it's like it is a tradition to do that and we all have done it. I just can't believe that we are at the beginning of another year where does the time go. I can remember when I was a kid it seemed to take forever for Christmas to get here, now it comes and goes like greased lightning. That is how our whole year has seemed to go almost a blur we were so busy between senior programs, events and a host of other things we did, it all just runs together and when you stop and look back you say "boy we were busy". I have been told that that is a sign of a healthy club being busy with many events that further our agenda to educate and rescue these incredible creatures. We even did a new event in July and will probably do it again next year plus we were asked to provide the talent for a Buick commercial who knows where that might lead. We may have some rising stars among our feathered friends if they ask us to do another commercial. Year after year what stands out is, well you guys. What I mean is people are always amazed when we do a program or event how we get along and how much fun we seem to have in whatever we do. They also are blown away by how overall friendly we are and that we include everybody no one is left out. This is something that we have always done and will continue to do and that is what has given us the incredible reputation we have. This is something I value and will continue to make a priority to just keep doing what we do best. So, as we close one year and

open another let's not change the way we do things let's stay just the way we are there is nothing I would change about the club because why tamper with success and it always seems that if there is a better way to do something we seem to find it naturally and seamlessly integrate anyway. So here is to a great 2018 let continue to grow and flourish this is your club your ideas and actions have made this club what it is the best in my book. Here's to more adventure and I couldn't be happier to have the best members in the world with me because **YOU GUYS ROCK!**

Your Prez
Dave

P.S. It is also election time so if you want to nominate someone for an office you can do it at the next meeting.



Voice of the Veep



Happy New Year!

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The Christmas meeting last month was fabulous from the delicious food to the annual Christmas raffle it was tons of fun. I want to thank everybody in the club for their

participation in our Christmas raffle and all the meeting raffles throughout the year. This is one of the most generous ways you can help support our rescue and assist our club in paying vet bills and all of you have succeeded in accomplishing this in a big way. Thank you to everyone for the support. Another way we generate monies for supporting the rescue is to stage senior programs at nursing homes, assisted living and independent living facilities throughout the year. The year 2017 was the busiest year for shows and events we have ever had. If memory serves me correctly there were forty senior shows and five other events totaling six days. This year 2017 could very easily exceed last year. I encourage everyone to join us at a show, even if you do not bring your own bird, they are a lot of fun and we can always use the help. Check the Upcoming Events page on the website or in the newsletter to see the dates and times of the show schedule. If you have any questions about attending an event, please feel free to call me (Steve) at 734-513-0030 for more information.

This month is when we hold our annual elections; there is a description of all the offices and the duties of each office holder included in this edition of the newsletter. If you are interested in running or wish to nominate someone feel free to do so. Our annual dues are also payable this month; if you joined the club within the last six months your dues are good for another year. Please check with Tammy if you are not sure what your dues are or if you owe some.

I'll see you at the meeting
Your Veep
Steve

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I cannot believe that it is 2018 already where does the time go? It seems that the older I get the faster time goes by. It seems that was only yesterday we were wowing the crowds, and I do mean crowds at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival. It was so much fun and we had three glorious days not like the year before when we had four hours of rain and one very unfortunate incident. Due to our efforts we raised a record amount in donations the most we have ever raised anywhere! We were busy entertaining the seniors at various facilities all over the lower half of Michigan, or so it seemed. Then we took another new event for the Garden City Library's end of summer reading program a car show and a craft fair. They saw us at the Garden City's Flea Circus pet adoption event in June of 2017 and thought we would be a great fit for this event. Once again, we wowed the crowd's as always. Then in November we headed off to the Suburban Collection Show Place where we got to work once again with Jessie James the Bird whisperer and we basically leveled up from just another rescue but now as a feature. We also did Guardians for Animals Pet Expo Which became a one-day event but was very well attended and as always, we had a blast. Now the programs are over and it now time to settle in for a long winters nap and get ready for next year, our fair in June and all the other stuff we do. I will be ready and Sparky, Pookie, J.B. and

your's truly will be ready to wow the public once again. So once again, Happy New Year see you around!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Out and About with Pookie

The phone here at the editorial desk has been ringing off the hook this past month. Yes, I am quite aware that phones do not have hooks any more that is a colloquialism for any of you that are not African Greys and it is to impress upon you that there have been many calls. What are all the calls about you ask? The weather and showers! Is it safe to take my bird outside in this weather? How do I get my companion bird to the vet if it is necessary?

We live here in Michigan and there is no doubt this is the coldest weather we have had in many years. There are precautions your human should take. If you have to go out make sure your companion, human has the car nice and warm and that your carrier is covered with extra blankets. Always have them warm up the car prior to letting them put you inside of it. Another precaution they need to take is to check for drafts on you and your cage. By this I mean if your cage is near a window or a door the window or door should not be left open or used excessively without you being covered. The furnace is also very important to check; if it has a humidifier it should be working. The warm air from a forced air furnace is very dry and can cause itching and dry skin and that irritation may cause feather picking and skin issues. Increasing the number of

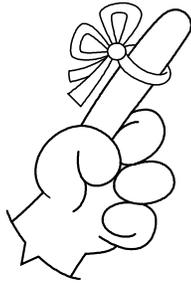
showers you take even if the humidifier is functioning is beneficial and a nice warm blow dry from a hair dryer is quite nice also.

Last year was one of the busiest years for our club ever and we, the feathered members, handled the challenge quite admirably. We staired in over forty senior shows, three days each at the Pet Expo and the Heritage festival, three outdoor events under our pop-up and the Guardians pet fair. The odds are probably very strong that 2018 will be even busier than 2017.

There was an interesting occurrence in late December; we were contacted by a production company that was filming a television commercial. They wished to have a parrot in their commercial that could talk. I volunteered but sadly the producer chose Ricky the Umbrella Cockatoo over me. Sometimes I just do not understand most humans. We attempted to explain that African Greys were much calmer and predictable but they still opted for Ricky; unpredictable and psychotic. Humans? Who can figure what goes on inside of their heads?

See you at the meeting
Chirps and Squawks
Pookie





A REMINDER

Our dues are due by January 31st. Checks should be made out to **RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB**. Please pay them at the January meeting or by mail to Tammy Carol at Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, PO Box 1587, Garden City MI 48135.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

DAN ERNST	FEB. 19
BEV WILLIAMS	FEB. 19
TONY DURANDETTO	FEB. 20
DEBBIE JAMIESON	FEB. 20
LACHLAN MILLER	FEB. 24
DIANE SILAS	FEB. 24
NANCY SULLIVAN	FEB. 25



ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The annual elections will be held at our January meeting. We will be voting on a

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Any member in good standing is eligible to fill any one of these offices. To help you decide who you think would best fill these offices, the following is a brief guide to their duties:

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, see that the bylaws are enforced, call such meetings as are needed, and be responsible for the execution of all motions passed by the members. The President shall also be public relations administrator and liaison between the Club and all other groups.

VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall assume the President's responsibilities in the absence or disability of the President, keep constantly informed of Club activities, and shall be responsible for special programs and social events.

SECRETARY: The Secretary is responsible for minutes at all general membership and board meetings, reads minutes of previous meetings when requested, keeps a file of all minutes, shall provide copies of minutes for each board member upon request, is responsible for all member notices, and is responsible for all correspondence, both incoming and outgoing.

TREASURER: The Treasurer collects all dues and records all moneys belonging to the Club, disburses same under the direction of the President, deposits the funds of the Club in the name of the Club in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and submits a statement of accounts at each meeting. The books and accounts shall at all

reasonable times be open to inspection by any member. The Treasurer shall be responsible for disbursement of moneys for bird bands.

TRUSTEE: One Trustee is elected each year to serve a three year term. A person serving as Trustee is ineligible for other elected office. Duties shall be to serve as coordinators of the Club, assuring a meeting place, acting as assistants to the President, and serve as a grievance committee. They shall conduct an annual audit of all Club records, Treasurer's and Secretary's books, etc. The Trustees whose terms of office have not expired shall serve as the election committee and shall conduct the annual elections. The Trustees shall review all absences of officers and shall fill any vacant office by either appointment or special election with the membership.

2017 a Year in Review

2017 was a very busy year for us we did a couple of new programs along with the places that we normally go to and new events along with old plus something I would have never in my wildest dreams even think we would do. So, it was a banner year to say the least.

We did a couple of new senior facilities this year all because of all the positive things they had heard from other activity directors at other facilities.

We took part in a new event the end of summer reading program bash. It was a car show and craft fair that went very well. They saw us at the Garden City Flea Circus and asked us if we could be there at this Garden City event as well.

We raised a record amount in donations at the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival raising over \$1000 dollars. I was just blown away by that

thanks to all our hard work and perfect weather.

We received a donation of \$2000 from a trust that we rescued birds from when the care taker was no longer able to do it.

We welcomed a lot of new members in 2017 so our flock keeps growing!

Finally, Through the Novi Pet Expo a person saw us and gave our information to a production company resulting in providing birds for Buick commercial. We took three Cosmo, Ricky and Tuna and it was Ricky who stole the show. So, I looking forward to seeing the commercial and watching Ricky shine.

Yes, it was a great year and 2018 looks to be just as busy for us but we know how to shine like 100 suns. To use the words to an 80's song "our future's so bright we have to wear shades!"

I NEED IT NOW!!!



Even Though the holidays are over their memories still linger and some of those are not the nicest of memories. It seems that people think that giving a live animal to an unsuspecting relative is a good idea and their calls proved that they all needed to be on Santa's naughty list.

A woman calls and needed an African Gray immediately because some of her family members would be visiting family out of state and she wanted to get her

nephew a present he would remember. Since they were celebrating Christmas early she wanted to make a grand entrance with the coolest present she could think of and she was SURE he would love it. First problem was this was the part of the family that would be spending Christmas out of state so I told her springing a pet on them was a bad idea because who would watch it while they were gone. Second this was something they had no idea they were getting so was she really sure they would want this? She said I'm sure he will love it and I said but you don't know that for sure and what about his parents do they want this in their home. The biggest problem was he is 15 soon to be 16 and at that age they soon lose interest and move on to the next thing. I told her we do not adopt during the holidays for that very reason. She had some very colorful words for me and hung up. Sadly, she was not the only one; we had numerous calls for Parakeets and or Cockatiels for young children as desperation gift when they could not think of anything else. I was called all sorts of wonderful names that surely got them off the nice list and all used the phrase "oh I'm sure they'll love it". I had to point out that by the end of January into February we will end up with a cage full of those birds they were so sure they would love.

One woman also said to me "well it's just a Parakeet if she kills it oh well" I really made her extremely angry with my response. I guess if I made them that mad that they had to use that kind of language with me I was doing something right and its better they were mad at me than having a

poor forgotten and neglected bird stuffed in a back room. I think next time they should get them gift cards!



SAFETY FIRST

It is so beautiful to see a bird in flight in the wild but at a club meeting not so much. There are way too many hazards that could injure and even kill our feathered members. Hazards such as all the Crockpot's that contain very hot food or the trays of hot food that get brought to the meetings could severely burn a birds feet should they land in it or even on the hot lids. Also there are many birds that do attend the meeting with their pet humans and do not tolerate the sudden invasion of their space when a bird flies onto their pet human. Macaws and Cockatoos can cause some major damage to a smaller bird that decides to fly and land within chomping distance. There is also the issue of the kitchen, birds must stay out of the kitchen due to health department regulations and if our club got caught by the church with a bird, no matter how it got there, in the kitchen they could ask us to meet somewhere else. So please keep all flighted birds in their carriers even those waiting for a wing clipping or harnessed, this is mainly for the bird's safety. Plus you never know what the reaction of a person or another bird might be when getting that sudden uninvited guest on their shoulder or

play stand. So only clipped or harnessed birds are allowed at the meetings, thank you for your understanding and remember this is for the bird's safety.



Attention Kroger and Amazon Shoppers

We have registered our rescue in the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM and the AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM. These programs will donate a portion of the proceeds from registered shoppers to our non-profit rescue every time they purchase something. We are encouraging everybody who shops at Kroger® and/or Amazon to do so. Here is what you have to do.

Kroger Shoppers:

You must have a “Kroger Plus” card. If you don't have one, they are available free by asking for one at your neighborhood Kroger store service desk.

You then have to register for the program by going on-line to Kroger.com and create an account or sign onto your account if you have been to this site before.

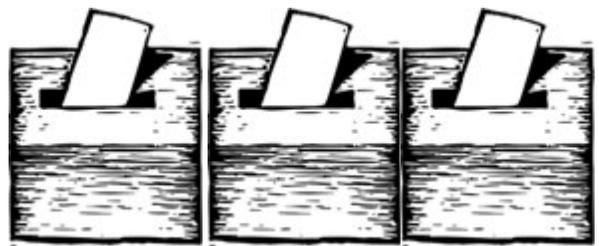
Once you have an account you click on the “EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS” tab and select Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue or our club's NPO number “52206”. Once you have successfully registered you will see: Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue on

the right side of the information page. When you shop at Kroger your support will also show at the bottom of your cash register receipts.

If you have been using your phone number when shopping at Kroger and don't know your “Kroger Plus” card number you can call 877-576-7587 to get your card number.

Amazon.com Shoppers:

Instead of going to amazon.com go to smile.amazon.com this is a mirror website and it will have your shopping history, wish list and all account information. Under your account tab you will be able to change or select your charity. Select RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB for our rescue to reap the benefits. **Remember to bookmark smile.amazon.com and always use this site for shopping on Amazon for our rescue to receive the donations.**



REMEMBER WE VOTE

THIS MONTH!



UP COMING EVENTS

As of
January 5th 2018

*****2018*****

April 27th
Fri
Senior Show
Oakmont Parkway
36725 Utica Road
Clinton Twp. MI 48035
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30pm

May 16th
Senior Show
American House
1660 S. Venoy
Westland, MI 48186
Set-up 1:00pm
Start 2:00pm

Feb. 24th Canary and Finch Breeders
Sat. Bird Fair
Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

June 10th Rainbow Feathers Bird Fair
Sun VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford, MI 48239
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**** Our Club Has A Booth At This Event****

Sept. 22nd Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

March 16th Senior Show
Fri American House
24400 Middlebelt Rd
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30pm

Sept 8th Canary and Finch Breeders
Sat. Bird Fair
Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

April 21st Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30pm

**** Our Club Has a Booth At This Event****

Nov. 3rd Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

PET EXPO

Nov. 9th 2pm to 8pm
Nov. 10th 10am to 8pm
Nov. 11th 10am to 5pm
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 8th
most likely around 9:00 am.
Please remember no birds will be allowed
through the front door.

NOTE**NOTE*****NOTE***

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

Our Club Has a Booth at This Event
following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



RESCUE UPDATE

Our rangers have been working overtime on rescue runs. Foster homes have also been doing extra duty with fostering and adoptions. In short it has been a busy, busy month!

Here is a brief recap of our latest adoptions:

A Quaker Parrot, two African Grey parrots (Remington & Toby) and Malachi an Umbrella were adopted last month.

All of these adopted birds went to their new homes with cages, food and toys. We are able to do this because of all of you, our members. It is your generosity and participation in our monthly raffles that has allowed us to be so successful. Thank you, thank you! Every one of you should be proud of the great job you’ve done. We couldn’t do it without your support.



Bits from Baby

HAPPY 2018
EVERYONE!!

HOWDY to all my feathered and non-feathered friends, this is your roving reporter Baby with the latest and greatest news.
December at the Christmas Party there were sixty-seven people there and ten guests of which two joined our flock.
Now for the feathered members there were twenty-nine in attendance, Six Macaws, eight African Grays, and five Cockatoos plus ten other parrots.
Well get ready for another busy year of fun at all the events both indoors and outdoors.

The calls are coming in hot and heavy already. Cannot wait to work with you all again this year.

See you at the next meeting.

Well that's all for now.

See you at the next meeting.

OH yes (HOPE EVERY ONE HAS A GREAT 2018 and GOD BLESS).

Well that's all for now.

See you all at the January meeting,

God Bless.

Your friend Baby,

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*THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE
the*

RESCUE RANGERS

IN
SAVING CHARLIE

It was a bright sunny summer day the kind of day the beckons one to find a shady picnic spot or a good spot on the beach. Yes, it was all a summer day could be but for the Rangers it was a trip to Harrison Township to rescue a Greenwing named Charlie. Charlie's owners could no longer care for Charlie in the proper way a Greenwing Macaw needed so with heavy hearts they called our heroes to come and get him. When they arrived, they saw a very nice house with flowers that made it very inviting and spoke of a lazy summer day. So, they knocked on the door and were greeted by the

wife who took them to where Charlie was. There they saw a beautiful Greenwing Macaw happily hanging out with his owner but when they looked at the cage they both had to do a double take. Here was a cage that was no more than 22 inches by 22 inches way too small for such a large bird but it was the special feature that really caught their eye. The cage top looked as though it should come together to form a pyramid top but it was totally open. The reason was they said, so he could come and go as he pleased and did not feel confined. They only shut him in when they had to go somewhere. Still there was a bigger problem, besides the rust, he had started to bar by bar, to dismantle the cage. So being very diplomatic the Rangers collapsed the cage (it only slid together) and loaded it into the Rescue Mobile packed up Charlie and off they went. It is out of necessity that Ranger Dave has a Macaw cage on hand for just such an emergency and off he went to his foster home. Being a very good bird it wouldn't be long before Charlie would find his forever home where he still lives like a king today. Mission accomplished objective met time to relax, NO there are still more birds that need the Rangers intervention they cannot rest they have a job to do but they are up to the task for they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Don't touch that dial and be ready for our next exciting adventure A Sun Conure in the Country!



nutritious foods. The simple fact is your bird likes seeds, just as you might like high-calorie, high-fat snacks. Okay for an occasional treat, but a steady diet over time can lead to vitamin deficiencies, obesity-related diseases and possible early death. **Home prepared diets are not necessarily healthy**

As a labor of love, some bird owners chop, cook and mix special foods for their birds. Not only is this time-consuming, it is impossible to make sure your bird is getting the correct balance of nutrients. Too much iron, too little calcium, improper levels of Vitamins A, D, E and K. How do you know?

Supplement sparingly with fruits and vegetables

If your bird enjoys fruits and vegetables, go ahead and serve them, but they should not make up more than 15% of your bird's daily diet. Fruits and vegetables do not offer all the nutrients your bird needs, and some are high in sugar and fiber, curbing your bird's appetite for a more nutritious food.

ZuPreem® Avian Diets take the guesswork out of your bird's nutrition

When you feed ZuPreem Life-stage Avian Diets, you know your bird is getting complete and balanced nutrition. From Embrace™ Hand-Feeding Formulas to AvianWeaning™ Diet to adult Avian-Maintenance™ FruitBlend™ Flavor and Natural Flavor Diets, your bird will get the precise nutrition he needs for each stage of his life. Backed by more than 30 years of nutrition research, ZuPreem diets have high-quality fresh ingredients that result in highly digestible and very palatable foods. Food your bird will like to eat and you will feel good about feeding him. Food that will provide all the nutrition he needs for a long and healthy life.

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How do you know if your bird is getting the nutrition he needs for a long and healthy life?



By ZuPreem Staff

What's the best diet for your bird?

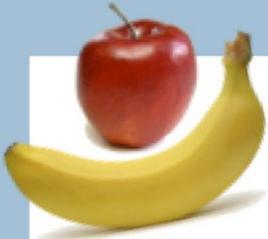
The best diet for your bird is one that provides a reliable consistent source of balanced nutrition. It's also a diet that your bird likes to eat and gives him an enjoyable eating experience, while preventing obesity and other nutritionally related diseases.

Feeding a variety of foods does not guarantee good nutrition

Bird owners feed their birds a wide variety of foods ranging from seeds to home-prepared foods to commercial diets. Unfortunately, feeding a variety of foods does not always prevent nutritional imbalances. Many of these diets lack important nutrients birds need to maintain their health. Often they are not balanced, providing too much of this vitamin or nutrient, or not enough of another.

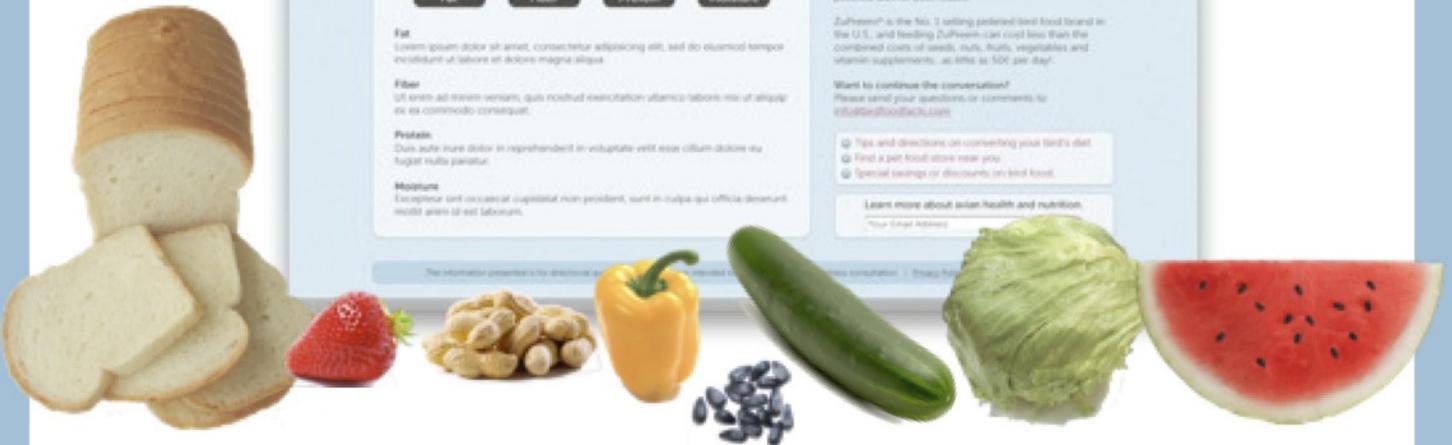
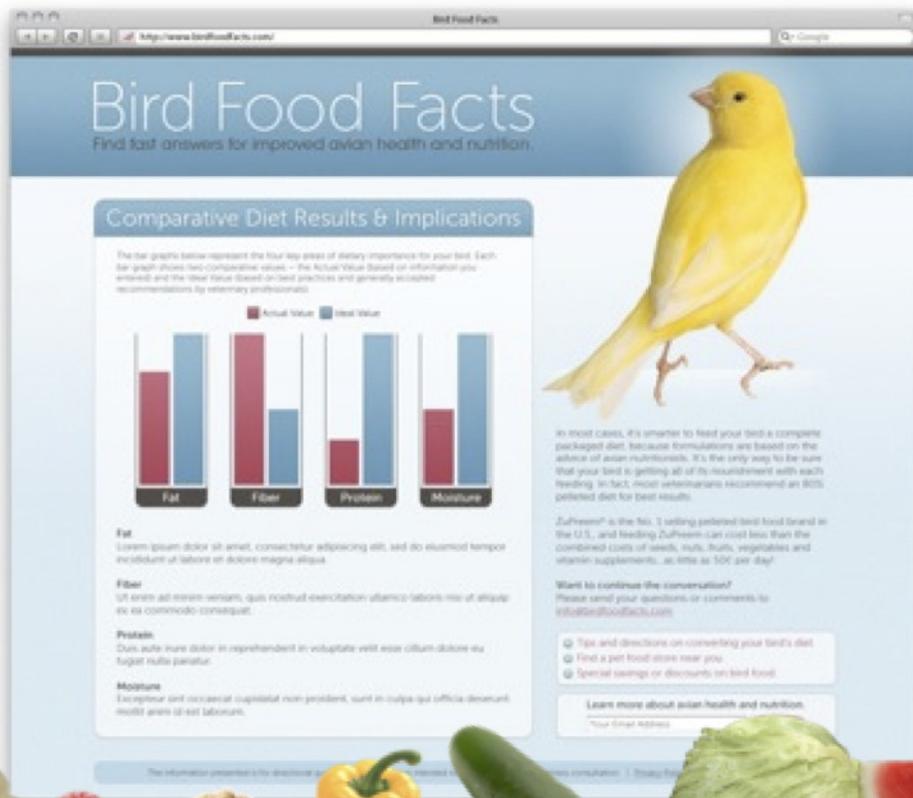
Seed diets can lead to obesity

Seeds are high in fat and deficient in important nutrients. Even if you supplement a seed diet with a nutritionally complete extruded diet or with fruits and vegetables, your bird will often choose the seeds, leaving behind the more



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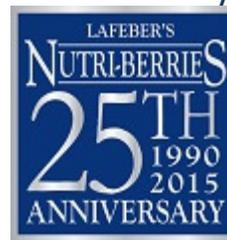
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3382 Washtenaw Avenue
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33788 Woodward Avenue
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

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880 W. Long Lake
(248) 642-2050

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2310 Brooklyn Road
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3232 North Dettman Road
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CHILDREN'S BIRTHDATE (S): _____

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS PUBLISHED IN CLUB LITERATURE OR FURNISHED TO ANYONE PLEASE INDICATE:

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I/WE HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB. IF ACCEPTED I/WE PROMISE TO ABIDE BY THE CLUB RULES AND BY-LAWS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

SIGNATURE(S) _____

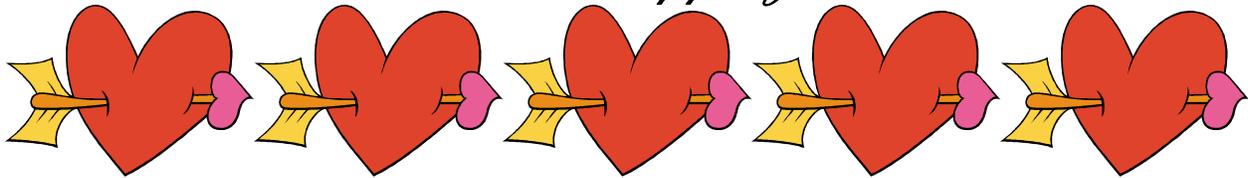
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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

FEBRUARY 25th – FOURTH SUNDAY
MARCH 25th – FOURTH SUNDAY
APRIL 22nd – FOURTH SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
 - Support scholarships for avian vet students
 - Yearly Bird Fair
 - Club Library for members
 - Grooming available
 - Avian rescue/relocation programs
 - Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
 - Monthly newsletter
 - Periodic Service projects
 - Field Trips
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to Steve at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com.

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BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



CLUB WELFARE

Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

A few years ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all. YUM!!



From the prez:



I was really impressed by the turnout we had at January's meeting. The reason I say that is because it was one of those rare 50-degree Michigan days in January. I also thank you for your vote of confidence in keep me as your President I am proud of this club and the reputation we have built as a group that does not discriminate and welcomes all in to our flock. I have to say that it has been busy as far as the booking for programs they are coming in fast and furious and I do mean that we are going to be busy. We are also trying a new endeavor and that is Plymouth Michigan's Art in the Park it is such a wonderful event and it is tailor made for a group like ours that love to take our birds out into the public. The only catch is we have to be juried in which means they have to like what they see in our application to let us in. I see no reason why not we always make a lasting good impression where ever we go and we would be perfect for their family area. I have no reservations about doing this event because I know what kind of people are in our club and our birds are living works of art, a little loud sometimes but still works of art. You can bet if they accept us we will be busy, I will let you guys know what happens. Also, as soon as I get the commercial starring Celeste's Umbrella Cockatoo Ricky I will also pass that along. 2017 was such a great year and it seems that every year we get called upon to do something we would never expect and impress everyone around. This is because of you those who make up Rainbow Feathers Bird Club and Rescue. You guys make us the success we are, not one person can claim

that they are the reason for our success it is truly a group effort. This is why people like us, this is why we leave a good lasting impression on people and this is why we have so much fun in whatever we do. Some groups take themselves way too seriously and lose the fun we roll with whatever is thrown at us and adjust not losing the fun element. That is why we are the success we are and will continue to be. So to the best club in the world with the best members as always, **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Your prez
Dave



VOICE OF THE VEEP

What a great meeting we had in January and I too am impressed with the turnout mainly because it was a warm and toasty day for January.

Our annual elections were held and all of our officers were re-elected for another term. I would like to thank everyone for having the confidence in me to re-elect me. Another item that was raised was if our club wanted to submit an application to be exhibitors this summer at the Plymouth MI "Art in the Park." It was decided that we should try, so Tammy is going to fill out paper work and submit it. I do not know how many of you have attended Art in the Park in past years but this event will make the Heritage Festival seem quiet and sleepy. I have gone to the park with my birds early in the morning and simply sat on a perk bench and was overwhelmed by the crush of people. The main reason I'm bringing up that we are trying is that if we are accepted we will need every club member we can get to help us. The festival is going to be on

July 13, 14th and 15th with a set-up on July 12. We will let everyone know as soon as we know if they will allow us in.

Your Veep
Steve



Out and About With Pookie

The living conditions in our happy home have become very insufferable. This all started a few years ago when we (the African Greys) opened our hearts and our home to allow Ricky, an Umbrella Cockatoo, to move in with us. We laid out the household rules and regulations to Ricky and until last December, everything has been just fine. Ricky recognized the superior intelligence and status of all of the Greys in our home and maintained his contrite demeanor that has allowed all of the feathered residents to live together in harmony. What occurred in December you ask? Well, please allow me to tell you.

Our club received a call from an advertising agency that had visited our club at the Pet Expo in November; they were inquiring if we had any feathered members that could talk and of course we do. They called in late November and asked if there was a parrot available that could be in a commercial for television. The producers were not sure what type of parrot was needed and they requested the club bring along a selection of members to audition. Therefore, I came with JB because we African Greys are the best talkers. Ricky and Cosmo (a U2 and a Lesser Sulphur Crested) also attended because the producers

asked for some choices of different types of parrots. Well, JB and I were awesome. We showed our poise and sophistication with our calm demeanors and intelligent conversation abilities; Ricky however, did not. He was a crazy and wild bird all his feathers puffed up, wings out and screaming like a banshee...the producers loved his animation and antics. Ricky was the parrot that was picked for the part and the producers and the film crew absolutely loved him. Ricky seemed his normal self after the shoot and accepted his part in the commercial quite well.

Then last month we received a registered letter in the mail addressed to Mr. Richard de U2 Parrot Esq. Upon opening the envelope, he found inside his acceptance certificate to the Screen Actors Guild, his SAG membership card and the “Coup de grâce” which was a benefits package for his membership.

Ricky has been insufferable since this happened; he has been demanding his meals be served on fine china plates and will only eat freshly prepared food. He must have music playing in the front room where his cage is and demands head scratches from all companion humans that pass by. I drew the line when he demanded that I pay homage to his stardom by providing him with a stipend from every treat and snack JB or I receive. This cannot stand! Somehow or someday, we are going to have to return Ricky to the planet earth. His ego has become so large it won't fit into the cage that he is in and I refuse to peel his grapes for him.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

*THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE
the
RESCUE RANGERS*
IN
A SUN CONURE IN THE COUNTRY

It was a lazy summer day where all you wanted to do was find a nice spot under a shady tree and sit read or relax in some other way, basically a perfect summer day. On this perfect summer day, you would find the Rangers going out to a place named Carleton and yes, we are in Michigan. As you drove along you could see fields full of corn and soybeans almost glowing in the late August sun as birds play on the breeze. It was a house that was located back in a wooded area where they would find their latest rescue a Sun Conure. Now this poor guy was not abused but because of his noisiness and the kids now becoming interested in other things, (funny how that happens as they get older) he was not getting the attention he needed. So, in this idyllic setting in the woods you could hear this Sun Conure just enjoying life and screaming out the joy of being alive. Well all that screaming was not too much of a joy to the family and he needed to find a new home. It just so happens that the Rangers were well versed in Sun Conures and knew that these brightly colored little birds could hold their own with a Cockatoo. They went into the home and in no time, were on their way with this beautiful little noise machine in tow. Besides being noisy he was also a very

sweet little and charming little bird that made his finding a new home a breeze. He was soon adopted by a couple that were also well versed in Sun Conures and his charming personality overshadowed his loudness. All parties were happy and none happier than the Rangers for another bird had found its happy ending and a wonderful forever home. Still there was no time to waste a little breather and they would be off for another adventure but they would proudly answer the call because they are the **RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tuned for our next exciting adventure Goffin in Richmond



IT MUST BE THE WEATHER!

This crazy weather must be having an effect on people because the calls have been very entertaining.

A woman calls and has two Cockatoos that she may or may not want to give up and proceeds to tell me a little more information than I wanted to know. She says they have

to stay together because they like to do the Humpty Dumpty. This totally left me baffled until she added but I have never had eggs or babies. OK now I get it!

Another woman calls and tells me she is checking out rescues because she will probably have to turn her bird in. So, I ask what kind she tells me “oh we’ll get to that” and keeps on talking. She tells me the bird comes in a huge cage with lots of toys. The cage was so big she almost couldn’t get it into her car. She rambles, and I do mean rambles, on for 45 minutes until she finally gets to what kind of bird it is. I am now expecting something on the larger size until she tells me it is a Cockatiel. Well we might need a semi for that one!

Another woman calls checking out our rescue making sure we are not some fly by night organization that is going to farm out her bird or not have some weirdo get him, her words not mine. I explain to her how we operate and how the adoption works. After all that she said she did not feel comfortable with us and she was going to try Craig’s List. No weirdos there no sir!

This guy calls and says that he is looking for a larger bird. So, I ask what kind and he says a Macaw and I ask what kind of Macaw that’s when it all went downhill. He then said or a Gray or an Amazon maybe a Cockatoo but nothing small. I want to have a substantial bird. I then ask OK any particular type, (like we would adopt to him anyway) and he says those words that can make me become more than just a little angry “a talking one”. As you can imagine after we hung up he went into the never ever file so he just better keep on looking.

These are the more entertaining calls we get and I know there will be more but you know I am all to willing to share!

RESCUE UPDATE



There were sixteen adoptions last month; we adopted out two Umbrella Cockatoos, two Quakers, seven parakeets, two lovebirds and three Grey's.

We are always in need of foster homes especially for smaller birds but be aware that finding homes and people willing to adopt smaller birds is very difficult so a foster offer could be for a long time

Our thanks go to all our members for your support in the rescue. It is because of your participation in our monthly raffle and your donations of food, cages, toys and money that we are able to accomplish this awesome feat. Thank you one and all and please keep up the great work.





BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to :

THOMAS HUDSON	MAR. 2
CINDY GRIFFIN	MAR. 4
JACQUELINE THOMAS	MAR. 10
MICHELLE ETCHISON	MAR. 10
JIM HEFFERNAN	MAR. 18
RON LANKFORD	MAR.18
SUSAN ERNST	MAR. 25
ESTHER LEDUC	MAR. 25
JEFF KEENE	MAR.26
LANAH BOGARD	MAR. 29
CAROLYN HEMMYE	MAR 30



CLUB T-SHIRTS

Good news! Tracy Hilka who is Bella

Embroidery is now going to make our club shirts. The price for t-shirts, including our logo embroidered on it, is \$10.00 for sm. to xl and \$12.50 for 2xl to 5xl. These are Gildan brand #8000 50/50 t-shirts, there are lots of colors.

What you do is go to her website.

www.sportswearcollection.com/bellaemb

Then type Gildan in the search box (this will put you on the Gildan page). Look down the page and find Gildan DryBlend 50/50 T-shirts #8000 Click on the icon and this will open the page with all the colors and sizes. Choose your size and color(s) and add it to your Cart.

On the cart page there is a place for comments when you place your order, in this box tell Tracy you would like your shirt embroidered with the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club Logo. When she receives your order, she will send you a PayPal® invoice In a short time, you will receive your new club shirt in the mail.

If you don't have internet access or a PayPal® account you can contact me, Steve Plafchan and we'll figure out a solution to get you a shirt.

She has many items available (hats, tote bags, etc.) that she can put our logo on if you wish. She has given us a catalog full of things you can order, all the prices are retail and she receives a wholesale price so you will have to talk to her about pricing. (IE prices will be less than what's listed in the catalog.)





UP COMING EVENTS

As of

February 2nd 2018

*****2018*****

Feb. 24th Canary and Finch Breeders
Sat. Bird Fair
 Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
 31117 Plymouth Rd.
 Livonia, MI 48150
 \$3.00 admission
 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**** Our Club Has A Booth At This Event****

March 16th Senior Show
Fri American House
 24400 Middlebelt Rd
 Farmington Hills, MI 48336
 Set-up 1:30pm
 Start 2:30pm

March 28th Senior Show
Wed Shelby Twp. Senior Center
 51670 Van Dyke
 Shelby Twp., MI 48316
 Set-up 10:40am
 Start 11:40am

April 21st
Sat Senior Show
 Huron Woods
 Towsley Health Building
 5361 McAuley Dr.
 Ann Arbor, MI 48106
 Set-up 1:30pm
 Start 2:30pm

April 27th
Fri Senior Show
 Baldwin House
 200 Chester St.
 Birmingham, MI 48009
 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30pm

May 16th
Wed Senior Show
 American House
 1660 S. Venoy
 Westland, MI 48186
 Set-up 1:00pm
 Start 2:00pm

May 17th
Thurs Senior Show
 American House
 5859 W. Maple Road
 West Bloomfield, MI 48322
 Set-up 2:30 pm
 Start 3:30pm

May 31st
Thur Senior Show
 Oakmont Parkway
 36725 Utica Road
 Clinton Twp., MI
 Set-up 1:30 pm
 Start 2:30pm

June 10th Rainbow Feathers Bird Fair
Sun VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford MI, 48239
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sept 8th Canary and Finch Breeders
Sat. Bird Fair
Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**** Our Club Has A Booth At This Event****

Sept. 22nd Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

Nov. 3rd Senior Show
Sat Huron Woods
Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm
Start 2:30 pm

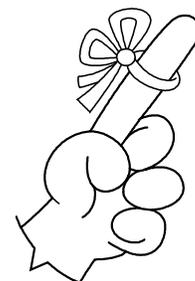
PET EXPO
Nov. 9th 2pm to 8pm
Nov. 10th 10am to 8pm
Nov. 11th 10am to 5pm
Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374
We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 9th
most likely around 9:00 am.
Please remember no birds will be allowed
through the front door.

******NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE****

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

*******Our Club Has a Booth at This Event*******

following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



A REMINDER

Our dues were due by January 31st. Checks should be made out to **RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB**. Please pay them at the January meeting or by mail to Tammy Carol at Rainbow Feathers Bird Club, PO Box 1587, Garden City MI 48135.



Are you watching your bird's figure?

By ZuPreem Staff

Obesity is a common condition in companion birds and occurs when they consume more calories than they can expend over an extended period of time. Lack of flight activity and a diet rich in fatty seeds are common causes of obesity. Your bird could be obese if its body weight exceeds the normal body weight (within normal variation) for its species by 15 percent or more.

Here's how to tell if your bird is overweight

Take a minute to perform a quick home exam. Start by noticing your bird's stance. A wider than normal stance can be a sign of obesity. Next, check for a small roll of fat, a "double chin" visible under the beak. Also, look for small yellow or white fat deposits in the abdomen, along the flanks, inner thighs, upper breast and crop area. Finally, check for any bald patches where feather tracts may have separated due to fat under the skin.

You can also weigh your bird

To do this at home, use an electronic scale that measures in grams, not ounces, to detect small changes. Of course, the best way to be sure is to have your pet weighed and examined by your avian veterinarian.

Health risks associated with obesity

Obesity increases your bird's risk of developing many serious diseases including heart disease, liver disease, fatty tumor formation (lipomas) and respiratory distress during exercise and play. Obesity is also associated with abnormal feathering, egg binding and infertility.

What you can do

If you suspect your bird may be obese, see your veterinarian for a complete and thorough physical examination as well as advice on how to change your bird's diet to a healthier one. Along with more exercise, converting your bird from a seed-based diet to a more nutritionally balanced extruded diet could be the answer. Remember that any weight-loss regimen for your bird should be done with your veterinarian's guidance.

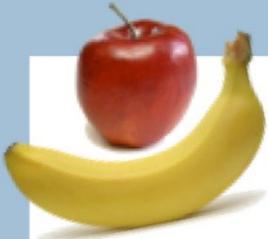


How does your bird weigh in?

The following table expresses approximate normal mature body weights for some bird species in terms of both the average weight and a range of acceptable variances (+/-) from the average.

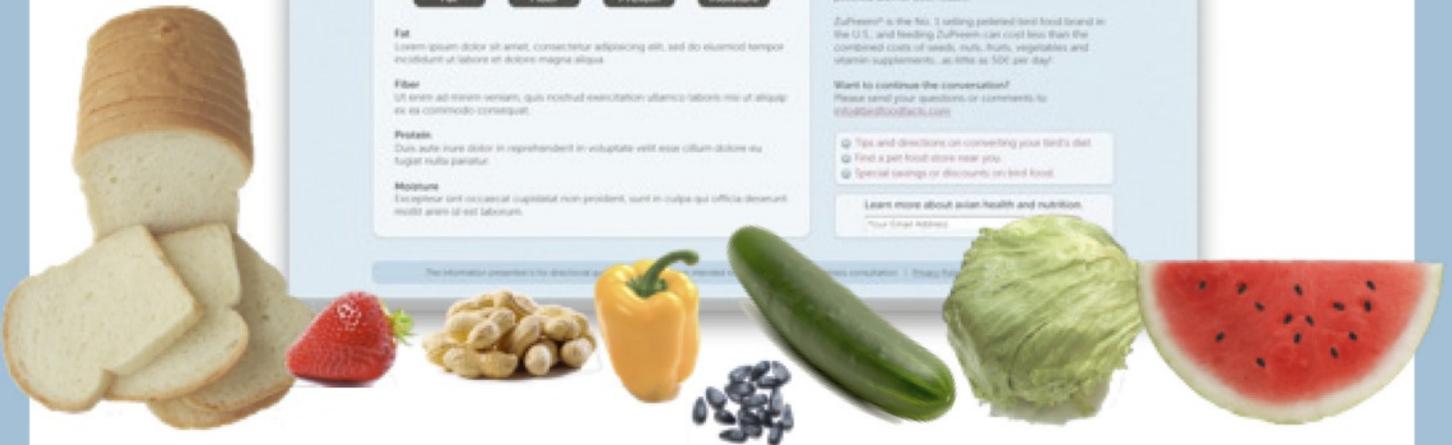
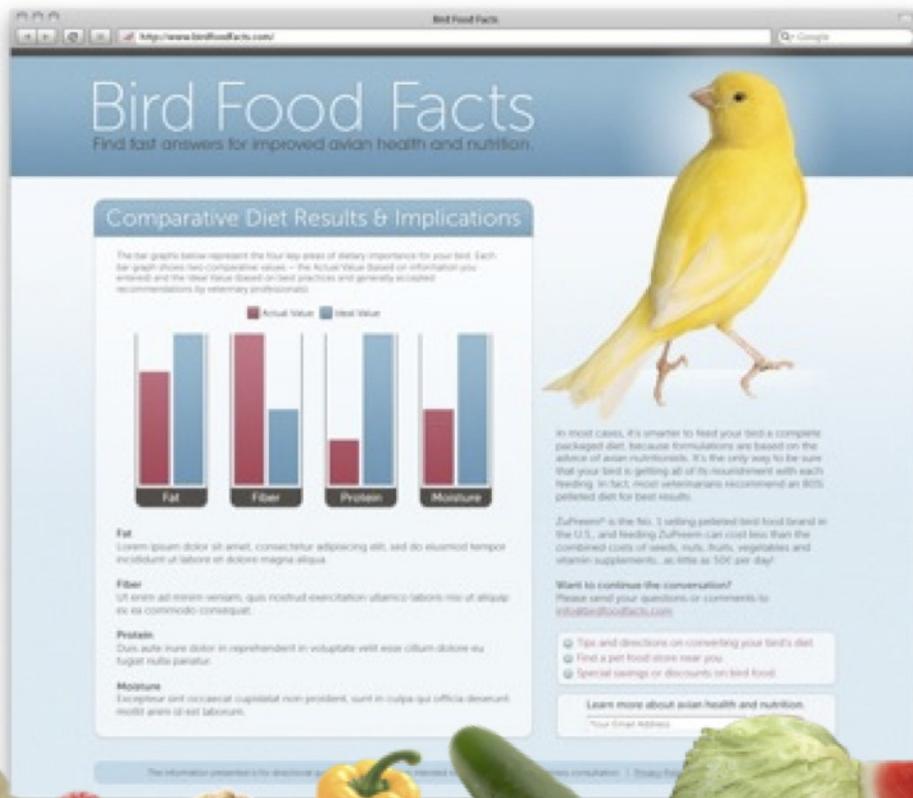
Species	Average Weight (grams)	Variance (+/- grams)
Scarlet Macaw	1,001	151
Blue & Gold Macaw	1039	102
Military Macaw	925	57
Hyacinth Macaw	1355	95
Umbrella Cockatoo	403	57
Moluccan Cockatoo	577	71
Great Sulfur Crested Cockatoo	843	147
Citron Cockatoo	357	34
Grand Eclectus	432	40
African Grey	554	66
Blue-Fronted Amazon	432	51
Mexican Red-Headed Amazon	360	24
Yellow-Naped Amazon	596	85
Double Yellow-Headed Amazon	568	61
Budgerigar	30	*
Lovebird	45	*
Cockatile	1 80	*

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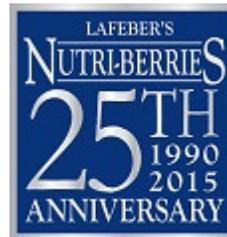
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

All Creatures Animal Clinic
3382 Washtenaw Avenue
(734) 973-1884
(Drs. Alexander & Zechar)

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Animal Kingdom Vet Hospital
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(734) 913-0003
(Drs. Marsh, Daldin, Hochstein & Lake)

Birch Run, MI 48415

Frankenmuth-Birch Run Veterinary Hospital
9339 Gera Road
(989) 652-6689
(Dr. Kimberlee Buck)

Birmingham, MI 48009

Birmingham Veterinary Clinic
33788 Woodward Avenue
(248) 647-5474
(Dr. Christine Glikis-Fernandez)

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Ross Animal Hospital for Animals
880 W. Long Lake
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5900 Canton Center Road North
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TYPE OF BIRDS: _____

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CHILDREN'S NAMES: _____

THEIR BIRDS: _____

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDATE (S): _____

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS PUBLISHED IN CLUB LITERATURE OR FURNISHED TO ANYONE PLEASE INDICATE:

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PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION AT A RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB MEETING OR MAIL TO: RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB, P.O. BOX 1587, GARDEN CITY, MI 48135. WE MEET THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH, SOMETIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

MARCH 25th - FOURTH SUNDAY
APRIL 22nd - FOURTH SUNDAY
MAY 20th - THIRD SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
- Periodic Service projects
- Field Trips
- Educational Programs upon request
- Make-it-take-it workshops

And more.....

Come join us and have your feathers preened by other Pet Bird Enthusiasts

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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to Steve at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com.

Everyone is encouraged to submit articles for the newsletter – this is YOUR newsletter.

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BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



CLUB WELFARE



Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

A few years ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that "Everyone", please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all. YUM!!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

MARK MAKLENBURG	APR. 2
JEFF ROSENTHAL	APR. 3
SANDY MOSS	APR. 4
MEGAN SMITH	APR. 5
BARB ROSENTHAL	APR. 8
PATRICIA POLZIN	APR. 8
JELENA FONTANA	APR. 9
COURTNEY EAMES	APR. 13
McKENNA LYNCH	APR. 13
JEFF GARRETT	APR. 14
NANCY TEATRO	APR. 16
MARIE KEEHL	APR. 17
ROSEMARY MEDVE	APR. 17
KEVIN GARRETT	APR. 19
TAMMY CAROL	APR. 20
JACK PLAGENS	APR. 22
ALISON SAUVE	APR. 24
MARK GREENWOOD	APR. 25
CARINNE KORANY	APR. 27
ANDREW SULLIVAN	APR. 24

From the prez:



I really missed not coming to the meeting last month, but the doctor said not this month so I must listen. For those of you who didn't know I had major back surgery on February 9th and it has really knocked the stuffin' out of me and limited my activity for a while. The only good part is that I will be back in time for all our summer events so a temporary set-back will make me good all summer. I truly did miss you guys and I will be at the next meeting.

We have not heard about Plymouth's Art in the Park as of yet and I am hoping that we are accepted. We must be juried in, but if we are accepted it will be like the heritage festival on steroids and I know we will be a huge hit. As far as our other events yes, we are doing the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival again along with Guardians for Animals and the Novi Pet Expo I know that they seem far away but they have a habit of sneaking up on us. Also, the Garden City Flea Circus in June and of course our bird fair. It will be a busy summer and fall season. So, I am doing well and getting stronger everyday and I look forward to see you all at the next meeting. As always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Your Prez
Dave



VOICE OF THE VEEP

Hello everyone, Last month's meeting was great, however I would like everyone to know that I missed Dave. The fact that I was suddenly thrust into the position of MC for the

meeting which resulted in my having a case of "tangle tongue" then having to call the raffle numbers just compounded the issue. I hope Dave will be back next month to resume his duties.

I also must let everyone know that I also am in recovery. I underwent eye surgery for the fourth time in three years for a hole in my retina. The surgery was not too bad but the recovery was quite problematic, I had to remain face down for five days. If you have never tried this exercise, my advice is "don't". It was the longest five days I have ever experienced in my life.

With any luck Dave and I will both be back next month.

Your Veep
Steve



Out and About With Pookie

Greetings everyone, this past month has been quite busy for all of us here at Steve's house. First, I must mention that we have finally returned Ricky back to normal or as normal as a U-2 can possibly be. He was totally out of control after his movie making experience and now he is at least sitting on his perch and peeling his own grapes.

All of us here have been quite busy this past month mainly because Steve underwent surgery on his left eye and we have all been taking turn being his seeing eye birds. It has been quite a chore perching on his shoulders giving him guidance to avoid walls and which way to turn while driving. More importantly, he has finally accepted the fact that treats and snacks must be offered to us before he is allowed to eat. Driving was much easier - a

loud squawk to stop and nips on his left or right ears to turn. In addition, as you may well know is that as his vision returns directing him becomes easier.

On a different note this is the month we return to the show circuit and although it has not been mentioned prior to this, all of us owe Ricky our gratitude. Ouch! It truly is painful admitting we owe him and his big fluffy white feathered ego our thanks but it is true. His stardom attracted numerous booking agents and we followed his recommendations and hired one. His agent is spectacular; the bookings are filling up our calendar rapidly. We already have four shows scheduled before the end of this month. I am so excited because my debut will be this month; I am showing off my new feathers.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

**THE ADVENTURES OF
~~STEVE AND DAVE~~
COURTNEY AND JEREMY**

the

**Rescue
Rangers!**

**The Great Column
Takeover!! The Charming
Amazon of Saline!**

We interrupt your regularly scheduled programming with a special edition of Rescue Rangers. Our normal rangers, Steve and Dave, have been recovering from medical ailments so your Junior Rescuers

Courtney and Jeremy are here to bring you another exciting adventure!

Winter's cold hand had descended on our land by mid-December when the Junior Rangers were dispatched from HQ to help with a multi-bird pick up – 6 in total. This was an all-to-familiar scenario for the Rangers. The owners of these birds had many happy years with their companions but recognized it was time for them to be passed on to new homes, as they were getting harder and harder to care for.

The Junior Rangers pulled up to a lovely home in Saline and knew two things right away. One – these folks really loved and cared for their birds in the best way, and two – BOY did they have a LOT of stuff!! As the garage door opened, the massive amount of supplies stared the Rangers down like Mount Everest! There were 8 giant bundles of Sunday papers, tee stands, boxes and boxes of toys and supplies, food, dishes, extra cages, and there MAY have been a kitchen sink in there! This would take completely stuffing Ranger Dave's car, Junior Ranger Mike's van, and Junior Ranger Jeremy's Prius – WITH an extra trip!

The Junior Rangers were to take one of the six birds – a double yellow headed amazon named Humphrey. The other birds were picked up by Ranger Dave and Mike. It didn't take long for the Junior Rangers to know this was an extremely special bird. He could sing, he was beautiful, and he was nice! (A feat for some amazons!)

He may have become a failed foster if it wasn't for someone falling head over heels for him at the first Club meeting he went to. The Junior Rangers knew immediately it was the perfect situation, the paperwork was signed, and tears were shed (Mostly Junior Ranger Courtney). And thus,

the day was saved thanks to the **Junior Rescue Rangers!**



RESCUE UPDATE



There were eleven adoptions last month. We adopted out 7 parakeets, 2 lovebirds, a double yellow amazon, and a

pineapple green cheek conure.

We are always in need of foster homes especially for smaller birds but be aware that finding homes and people willing to adopt smaller birds is very difficult so a foster offer could be for a long time

Our thanks go to all our members for your support in the rescue. It is because of your participation in our monthly raffle and your donations of food, cages, toys and money that we are able to accomplish this awesome feat. Thank you one and all and please keep up the great work.

Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I was shocked that my pet human missed a bird club meeting but I was also worried. This is not like him so I have made some observations on his condition.

First, I have noticed that he is walking around like he is egg bound, I mean, there are treatments for that if that is the problem. I found out no he is not egg bound he had surgery on his back. I was really hoping he was egg bound - we could have made a fortune off of that. Next, I noticed he is wearing something that looks like what I can only describe as a girdle and he must wear it until the doctor says he can ditch it. I am glad about that as you know his fashion sense has a lot to be desired. The biggest thing is he is home all the time and I mean all the time. I can't even get on Featherbook! He is always puttering around and that alone is making me nuts. He is really cramping my style and I do not like that not one bit. I can only hope that he gets better soon and gets out of my way so I can go back (with Pookie and J.B.) to planning our world domination!

Cheers
Captain Morgan



Bits from Baby

Howdy all my feathered and non-feathered members, this is your roving reporter Baby with help from some friends, with the latest and greatest news.

The February meeting was great with Sixty One people in attendance. Fifty Three were club members and Eight Guests. There were Eleven New Member who joined our Flock. The feathered members were Seven African Grays, Ten Cockatoos, and Four Macaws, plus Thirty One other types of Parrots. We also have some new feathered members that have joined our flock this year.

Thurs, May 17th - Senior Show

American House
5859 W. Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Set-up 2:30 pm; Start 3:30pm

Thurs, May 24th - School Show

Hale Creek Elementary
16200 Harrison
Romulus, MI 48174
Set-up 1:30; Start 2:00 pm
(note 1/2 hour set-up)

Thurs, May 31st - Senior Show

Oakmont Parkway
36725 Utica Road
Clinton Twp., MI
Set-up 1:30 pm; Start 2:30pm

**Sat, June 2nd - Garden City
Flea Circus**

Parking Lot at the Corner of Middlebelt &
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We will be setting up a pop-up
This is an outdoor event

Fri, June 8th - Senior Show

St Joseph Care Center
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36800 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
Set-up 1:00pm; Start 2:00pm

**Sun, June 10th - Rainbow Feathers
Bird Fair**

VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford MI, 48239
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sat, June 23rd - Senior Show

Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks
(Independent Living)
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
Set-up 12:30pm; Start 1:30 pm

**Sat, Sept 8th - Canary and Finch Breeders
Bird Fair**

Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**** Our Club Has A Booth At This Event****

Sat, Sept. 22nd - Senior Show

Huron Woods Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30 pm

Sat, Nov. 3rd - Senior Show

Huron Woods Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30 pm

PET EXPO

Fri, Nov. 9th - 2pm to 8pm

Sat, Nov. 10th - 10am to 8pm

Sun, Nov. 11th - 10am to 5pm

Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River
Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 8th
most likely around 9:00 am.

**Please remember no birds will be allowed
through the front door.**

******NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE**

There has been some confusion from
the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to

which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

*****Our Club Has a Booth at This Event*****

following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



CLUB T-SHIRTS

Good news! Tracy Hilka who is Bella Embroidery is now going to make our club shirts. The price for t-shirts, including our logo embroidered on it, is \$10.00 for sm. to xl and \$12.50 for 2xl to 5xl. These are Gildan brand #8000 50/50 t-shirts, there are lots of colors.

What you do is go to her website.

www.sportswearcollection.com/bellaemb

Then type Gildan in the search box (this will put you on the Gildan page). Look down the page and find Gildan DryBlend 50/50 T-shirts #8000 Click on the icon and this will open the page with all the colors and sizes. Choose your size and color(s) and add it to your Cart.

On the cart page there is a place for comments when you place your order, in

this box tell Tracy you would like your shirt embroidered with the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club Logo. When she receives your order, she will send you a PayPal ® invoice In a short time, you will receive your new club shirt in the mail.

If you don’t have internet access or a PayPal ® account you can contact me, Steve Plafchan and we’ll figure out a solution to get you a shirt.

She has many items available (hats, tote bags, etc.) that she can put our logo on if you wish. She has given us a catalog full of things you can order, all the prices are retail and she receives a wholesale price so you will have to talk to her about pricing. (IE prices will be less than what’s listed in the catalog.)



How to tell if your bird is sick

By Don J. Harris, DVM

Birds in the wild instinctively hide illness in an attempt to avoid predators who prey on sick or injured birds. Pet birds are also just as effective in hiding illness as their wild counterparts, and it is up to bird owners to recognize subtle behavioral and physical signs that may indicate their birds are sick.

Behavioral signs may include:

- Sleeping later in the morning than usual
- Sleeping more during the day
- Irritability
- Unusually compliant or passive
- Sitting on the bottom of the cage
- Picking at food and/or not eating at usual times
- Eating less overall
- Vocalizing less
- A change in the voice or hoarseness
- Different breathing pattern

- Making unusual sounds when breathing

Physical signs may include:

- Coughing or sneezing
- Discharge from nostrils (nares)
- Matted eyes
- Eyes are dull and closing excessively
- Matted feathers on the face and head
- Diarrhea
- Black stools
- A change in the white part of the droppings to another color such as red, yellow or green
- Weight loss—can you feel or see the breastbone?
- Unusual swellings, especially around the eyes
- Irregular discoloration of the feathers
- Feathers are “fluffed up”
- Random or generalized loss of feathers
- Scaling or crusting of skin
- Increased temperature of feet or beak

Any of the signs listed above, or any other unusual signs, may indicate your bird is sick. You should take immediate action by making an appointment with your avian veterinarian. Waiting even one day to resolve the problem can jeopardize the long-term outcome of your bird’s health

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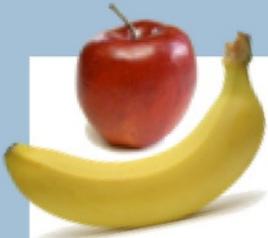


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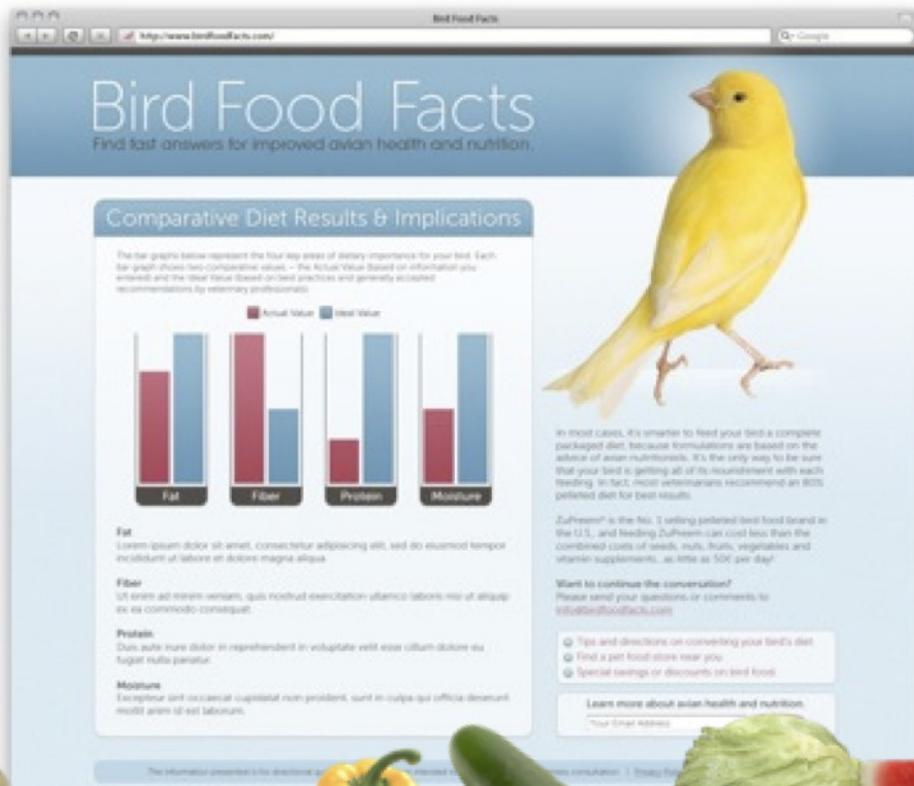
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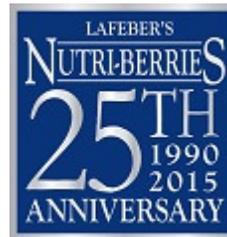
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9339 Gera Road
(989) 652-6689
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SIGNATURE(S) _____

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UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

APRIL 22nd - FOURTH SUNDAY
MAY 20th - THIRD SUNDAY
JUNE 10th - BIRD FAIR
JUNE 24th - FOURTH SUNDAY

RAINBOW FEATHERS BIRD CLUB

Who we are and what we are about

- Non Profit club with members throughout the tri-county area, single bird owners, or just thinking of getting a bird, families, breeders, exhibitors, all are welcome.
- Support scholarships for avian vet students
- Yearly Bird Fair
- Club Library for members
- Grooming available
- Avian rescue/relocation programs
- Monthly meetings with programs of interest to members.
- Monthly newsletter
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- Field Trips
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ALL HEALTHY AND CLIPPED BIRDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ACCOMPANY THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS. WE MEET AT THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 6443 MERRIMAN ROAD BETWEEN FORD AND WARREN IN GARDEN CITY. MEETINGS START AT 2:00 PM.

Anyone interested in becoming a member please contact Tammy Carol @ 734-422-5981 or by e-mail sweettweeters@comcast.net

EDITORS BULLETIN BOARD

Steve Plafchan is now doing the newsletter. All ads and articles will be due the 1st of the month for publishing in the current month's newsletter. Please send all items to Steve at 11021 Henry Ruff, Livonia MI 48150 or email to splafchan@twmi.rr.com.

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CLUB WELFARE



Please contact Jean Jedrzejek at 734-427-3187 or e-mail her at bigduke@comcast.net if you know of any club member who is in the hospital or has lost a loved one.



MONTHLY SNACK LIST

A few years ago we stopped soliciting volunteers to bring food to our meetings. Instead, it was agreed that the format be a potluck venue. We ask that “Everyone”, please join in and contribute a main dish, veggie, salad, or dessert. Our meetings will be a potluck fair enjoyed by one and all. YUM!!

BIRD CLUB BETAQUETTE

- ❖ Ask owner's permission to handle/feed bird(s) and remember to return bird to the owner.
- ❖ Wash hands prior/after bird handling.
- ❖ When bringing companion birds to club meetings, only bring birds that you have had vet checked and in your possession for at least 30 days.
- ❖ Clean up after yourself and your bird(s) before you leave.



OVER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

This has been a very sad month for our club. Two feathered members crossed over the rainbow bridge last month. Dieter, a Cockatiel that owned Janet Onderchanin and Baby a greater Sulphur Crested Cockatoo that owned Henry Jedrzejek.

Baby was also a long contributor and writer of the monthly newsletter column under his name. To say his passing was sudden and unexpected is an understatement. He was rescued during the East coast blackout in 2003 and was estimated to be about forty years old at the time of his passing. Baby's participation at our senior shows and monthly meetings will be missed

To both of them we say you are free to soar on the far side of the Rainbow Bridge; both of you will be forever loved and remembered. In your memories, we dedicate the following verse.



The Rainbow Bridge

Just this side of heaven is a place called Rainbow Bridge.

When an animal dies that has been especially close to someone here, that pet goes to Rainbow Bridge.

There are meadows and hills for all our special friends so they can run and play together. There is plenty of food and water and sunshine, and our friends are warm and comfortable. All of the animals that have been ill and old are restored to health and vigor; those who were hurt or maimed are made whole and strong again, just as we remember in our dreams of days and times gone by. The animals are happy and content, except for one small thing. They miss someone very special to them who had to be left behind. They all run and play together, but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance,

The bright eyes are intent; the eager body quivers. Suddenly she begins to break away from the group, flying over the green grass, her wings carrying her faster and faster

YOU have just been spotted, and when you and your special friend meet, you cling together in joyous reunion ~ never to be parted again. The sweet sounds of happy tweets play your ears; your hands again caress the beloved's head, and you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but

never absent from your heart ~

Then you cross ~ . . . the Rainbow Bridge together!



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to:

PAT GREENWOOD	MAY 2
JOSEPH FONTANA	MAY 5
MICHAEL GYARMATI	MAY 5
KATE MASLEY	MAY 7
TERRI ALLORE	MAY 10
DAVE CAROL	MAY 13
SUE GOUIN	MAY 13
DALE DOMEIER	MAY 15
LANCE KNUDSON	MAY 16

From the prez:



I am so glad that I was able to come back to the meetings. For those who did not know, I had back surgery and had to miss February's meeting. It was the first one I have missed since we started the club, so not a bad track record. I really did miss it and now that I am getting better, I will be ready for the busy summer season.

I am hoping that we are accepted into Plymouth's Art in the Park. This would be a great venue to not only have fun interacting with the public but a great opportunity to educate people on these incredible animals. Since this is a juried show we need to be voted in but if anyone on that panel has seen us, we should be a shoe-in. We are also looking forward to our bird fair in June and we need your help getting the word out about it. I want to have a full house all day and even though it seems to be a little far away but it will sneak up on us in no time.

You also must look at the upcoming events for the shows and other pet adoption events they are listed in the newsletter. I must say again it was so good to be back and see everyone and just enjoy the meeting and everyone's birds. So, I will see you at the April meeting and as always **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

Your Prez
Dave



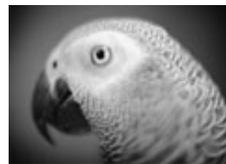
VOICE OF THE VEEP

The shows have started back up again in March; we did our first five senior shows and to very good reviews if I may interject my own opinion. Our senior shows always garner a large crowd. There are four shows scheduled for the month of April but bear in mind that even as this is being written Tammy is in negotiations with a number of senior residences to schedule additional shows. Speaking of senior shows, I would like to make an open invitation to anyone who is interested to join us we can always use extra hands to walk birds around to show them off. You are not required to bring your bird

there will be plenty of feathered members present you will be able to help us with.

Last month's meeting was awesome there were many guests many of whom joined the club. This statement goes to all of our new members and to members that have been in the club for a while; this is going to be a very busy year for our club. Between senior shows and festivals there will be plenty of assistance needed anyone interested in lending a hand but not sure of the details you can always contact me for more information.

Your Veep
Steve



Out and About With Pookie

There are two new developments this month, first; last month we went back onto the show circuit and there were five shows last month. Second, an urgent message sent home from Steve's physician with instructions for him to increase his exercise program with two goals in mind. He must lose some weight and start walking more often to attempt to lower his A1C level. These are both goals that we greys can help him work at. However, there is a more pressing issue Steve has totally forgotten all of his training that he meticulously had learned prior to his hip and eye surgeries. Ergo we are reinforcing the lessons he learned many years ago and conveniently forgotten.

Always train your companion human from a position of authority their shoulder is the best spot to accomplish this action.

From their shoulder, you are at eye level to them, which makes it easier to exert control and it provides convenient access to your humans emergency hold handles. Your companion human would call them ears or long hair - both of these appendages will provide you with an excellent spot to grip and hold on to when they bend over or pick something up from the ground. This spot also allows you much greater control when riding in the car especially if they are going through a drive up window. When your companion human orders a carry out meal and decides to dine inside of the car the shoulder position will give you the most precise spot to extract French fries out of the container and ensure that you are given access to your share of the meal. I think we can all agree that Mickey D's french fries taste better when they are fresh and warm. Another major advantage that the shoulder position provides for you when riding in a car, this is an emergency poop. This action is utilized when your companion human is ignoring your instructions and not sharing their snacks with you. After numerous attempts to obtain, a fry and they are constantly spurning your advances all you have to do is poop on the front of their shirt. Most humans will stop what they are doing to wipe and clean-up your conveniently placed poop. This will allow you to snatch a french fry or to take a nice bite of a burger.

My plans are to start getting Steve out more doing more walking and I promise I will keep all of you up dated with my progress and his training.

Chirps and Squawks
Pookie

*THE ADVENTURES OF
STEVE AND DAVE*
the
RESCUE RANGERS
In
Goffin in Richmond!

Hello Ranger fans, I hope you enjoyed our guest Rangers last month. Courtney and Jeremy did a fine job and we thank them. This month's adventure takes us to Richmond, Michigan not Virginia to rescue a poor little Goffin Cockatoo. As is the case with many of these guys, they had things change and they could not spend the time any more with this little Cockatoo. So, when the rangers arrived they were led to a back room and in the cage was a sad looking Goffin Cockatoo who seemed to perk up when he saw people. It seems that the bird was not only getting loud but they found out how headstrong these little guys could be. They didn't have the time to chase this guy around and cater to his every whim. The Rangers took pity on this poor little Cockatoo and knew that he needed to be where he could be taken care of. The trip out of the house was going to be a challenge because in order to get the bird and his cage out of the house you needed to go down a long flight of stairs off of the deck. Naturally the cage was one of those that didn't come apart and weighed way too much to be carrying down a long flight of stairs. Throwing it off the deck was not an option, so down the stairs they went. It seemed like it took forever to finally reach the bottom and they were both happy when they did. They loaded the cage in the Rescue Mobile and went back up those stairs (the

Rangers really hate stairs) to now retrieve the bird. With a hearty thank you from the now former owners the Rangers started their journey home. This little Cockatoo seemed to become more animated the longer they drove. It was if he knew that his fortunes were looking up. Indeed, they were looking up, for it wasn't long before he met his new parrot parents who were thrilled to meet him and the feeling was mutual. This little headstrong Goffin Cockatoo was now going to his forever home. It was a great outcome for all and it left a warm fuzzy feeling in all (maybe that was the brandy). In any event, it could not have been a happier ending. Still there were more birds looking for their happy ending, and they would get it because they are **THE RESCUE RANGERS!!!!**

Stay tuned for our next exciting adventure
Two Unusual Cockatiels in Plymouth!



RESCUE UPDATE

The rescue continued to have success on placing foster birds in new homes. This past month we placed a Blue Front

Amazon, a Jenday Conure and a sun Conure in new forever homes. We also adopted two Cockatiels two parakeets and a pineapple green Cheek Conure.

We also rescued a number of gently used cages, which will be available at our bird fair in June. If you are interested be sure to stop by "Honest Steve's Used Cages" table at the fair.

As is standard for our adopted birds they went to their new homes with cages,

toys and food. We are only able to do this because of you, our members.

We want to thank all of our club members for your generous participation in our monthly raffles and your donations of toys and food. It is you, the members, that enable us to send our rescued birds to their new adopted homes fully outfitted with cages, food, and toys. Your generosity also allows us to pay for vet care if needed and have made our rescue the success that it is. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



Avast ye Mates



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

OK, I want to know what is going on here, my pet human has been home waaaay too much lately. He never seems to leave and it is cramping my style to say the least. Every time I want to get on the computer he is either on the computer or watching TV so I can't use it. It used to be that I would have so much time to check Featherbook or Squawker (like Twitter only louder) but no there he is. He has also been wearing this thing the looks like a girdle to me, but he is wearing it on the outside of his clothes. Now I do realize he went to the hospital but I thought it was to have a little plastic surgery so he would at least look better, (he could stand a little nip and tuck if

course the answer was no so my answer was also no!

This woman calls looking for her Blue Crown Conure. It seems it flew out of the front door when she forgot to make sure it was away in its cage before she left. So, she wanted to know if anyone had turned it in. I asked when it happened and she said three days ago. Well that was when it got extremely cold out and she said it was just too cold to look for it. This really ticked me off and I was very blunt with her and told her the poor bird probably froze to death and without missing a beat she says “Oh well, I’ll just have to get another one”. Not from our rescue she won’t.

A woman calls up and wants to adopt a bird. She says she was researching pets and I thought good someone who is using their head. Boy was I wrong! She says that a large parrot would be just the thing to give the room the pop of color it needs. So, I asked if she had any experience with large parrots and she says I have had Parakeets so say a red Macaw can’t be much different just bigger. It was all I could do not to lose it altogether and tell her that she needs to really do more research before she gets a Macaw just for color and realize they are not furniture.

These are the gems that have come through. Thankfully, for every one of these at least ten legitimate calls from good caring people come in. These just make life more interesting!



MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION

As you know, we are approaching a very busy season of both outdoor and indoor events. The Garden City Flea Circus, Our bird fair, the Guardians for Animals pet expo, the All American Family Pet Expo and possibly the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival to name a few of many events that we will be attending.

Along with doing these events comes something that we have become accustomed to and that is drawing huge crowds.

With that being said there are certain rules that must be followed to insure that birds do not go missing and the owner does not have heart failure wondering where that bird is. So I would like to pass on to you the rules of etiquette for doing high traffic events. If you have someone else’s bird other than your own always follow these rules. First let the owner of the bird know that you have that bird so they know where and who the bird is with. Second stay within eyesight of the bird’s owner. We love the fact that many of us can handle each other’s bird and it gives the owner peace of mind when they can see where their bird is. Third and most important never ever hand a bird to someone and then walk away. With the huge crowds we attract it would be very easy for someone to steal a bird if you take your eyes off of it for even a few seconds. Fourth, always take the bird back from the person you have handed it to and never let them hand it to someone else. Finally, return the bird either back to the owner or its time out stand, if you put it on the stand let the owner know that you have done so. This will help avoid the owner having panic attacks and keep everyone happy, relaxed and the event fun for all!



UPCOMING EVENTS

As of April 5th, 2018

*******2018*******

Wed, April 11th - Senior Show

Lourdes Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
2300 Watkins Lake Rd.
Waterford, MI 48328
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30pm

Mon, April 16th - Senior Show

American House
26600 Ann Arbor Trail
Dearborn, MI 48127
Set-up 2:00pm; Start 3:00pm

Sat, April 21st - Senior Show

Huron Woods Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30pm

Fri, April 27th - Senior Show

Baldwin House
200 Chester St.
Birmingham, MI 48009
Set-up 1:30 pm; Start 2:30pm

Tues, May 8th – Senior Show

Advantage Living Center
22600 West Main Street
Armada, MI 48005
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30pm

Wed, May 16th - Senior Show

American House
1660 S. Venoy
Westland, MI 48186
Set-up 1:00pm; Start 2:00pm

Thurs, May 24th - School Show

Hale Creek Elementary
16200 Harrison
Romulus, MI 48174
Set-up 1:30; Start 2:00 pm
(note 1/2 hour set-up)

Thurs, May 31st - Senior Show

Oakmont Parkway
36725 Utica Road
Clinton Twp., MI
Set-up 1:30 pm; Start 2:30pm

**Sat, June 2nd - Garden City
Flea Circus**

Parking Lot at the Corner of Middlebelt &
Ford Road
Starts at 10 AM til 3 PM
Set up is between 8 & 9am
We will be setting up a pop-up
This is an outdoor event

Fri, June 8th - Senior Show

St Joseph Care Center
Felician Sisters
36800 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
Set-up 1:00pm; Start 2:00pm



Sun, June 10th - Rainbow Feathers

Bird Fair

VFW Post 345
27345 Schoolcraft Rd.
Redford MI, 48239
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Fri, June 15th – Senior Show

Sunrise of Northville
16100 N. Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
Set-up 5:00pm; Start 6:00pm

Thurs, June 21st – Senior Show

Independence Village of White Lake
935 Union Lake Rd.
White Lake, MI 48386
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30pm

Sat, June 23rd - Senior Show

Waltonwoods at Twelve Oaks
(Independent Living)
27475 Huron Circle
Novi, MI 48377
Set-up 12:30pm; Start 1:30 pm

Thurs, June 28th – Senior Show

American House
5859 W. Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
Set-up 2:30 pm; Start 3:30pm

Sat, June 30th – Senior Show

White Lake Township Library
7527 E. Highland Road
White Lake, MI 48383
Set-up 10:00am; Start 11:00am

Fri, July 6th – Senior Show

Sisters of Mercy - McAuley Center
28750 W. 11 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
Set-up 2:00pm; Start 3:00pm

Sat, Sept 8th - Canary and Finch Breeders

Bird Fair

Livonia Elks Lodge #2246
31117 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
\$3.00 admission
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**** Our Club Has A Booth At This Event****

Sat, Sept. 22nd - Senior Show

Huron Woods Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30 pm

Sat, Nov. 3rd - Senior Show

Huron Woods Towsley Health Building
5361 McAuley Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Set-up 1:30pm; Start 2:30 pm

PET EXPO

Fri, Nov. 9th - 2pm to 8pm

Sat, Nov. 10th - 10am to 8pm

Sun, Nov. 11th - 10am to 5pm

Suburban Collection Showplace

46100 Grand River

Novi, MI 48374

We will be setting up on Thursday Nov. 8th
most likely around 9:00 am.

**Please remember no birds will be allowed
through the front door.**

*****NOTE*****NOTE*****NOTE*****

There has been some confusion from the loyal readers of Bird Droppings as to which events they are allowed to bring their own bird(s) to. As a point of reference and for future information please we want everyone to be aware that when you see the line:

*****Our Club Has a Booth at This Event*****
following or “Educational Show” preceding an event listing it means we are attending the event in an official capacity representing our club and rescue. At these events all club members are welcomed to bring their feathered companions with them. Also please note that our space is very limited at some of these events but don’t let this stop you from joining us, we will find a way for you and your birdie buddy to fit in and enjoy the fun.



CLUB T-SHIRTS

Good news! Tracy

Hilka who is Bella

Embroidery is now going to

make our club shirts. The price for t-shirts, including our logo embroidered on it, is \$10.00 for sm. to xl and \$12.50 for 2xl to

5xl. These are Gildan brand #8000 50/50 t-shirts, there are lots of colors.

What you do is go to her website.

www.sportswearcollection.com/bellaemb

Then type Gildan in the search box (this will put you on the Gildan page). Look down the page and find Gildan DryBlend 50/50 T-shirts #8000 Click on the icon and this will open the page with all the colors and sizes. Choose your size and color(s) and add it to your Cart.

On the cart page there is a place for comments when you place your order, in this box tell Tracy you would like your shirt embroidered with the Rainbow Feathers Bird Club Logo. When she receives your order, she will send you a PayPal ® invoice In a short time, you will receive your new club shirt in the mail.

If you don’t have internet access or a PayPal ® account you can contact me, Steve Plafchan and we’ll figure out a solution to get you a shirt.

She has many items available (hats, tote bags, etc.) that she can put our logo on if you wish. She has given us a catalog full of things you can order, all the prices are retail and she receives a wholesale price so you will have to talk to her about pricing. (IE prices will be less than what’s listed in the catalog.)



10 steps to a better relationship with your parrot

By Liz Wilson,CVT

1) Ensure your companion bird is healthy by doing annual check-ups and routine diagnostics with your experienced avian veterinarian. Since birds hide the obvious signs of illness, allowing basic annual testing is critical to the early detection of medical problems.

2) Ensure your companion bird is consuming a good diet. This is critical to the proper functioning of its immune system and increases its potential for a healthy life, as well as eliminating nutrition-based problem behaviors, such as some cases of feather destruction

3) Ensure your companion bird lives in a sufficiently large cage, allowing it lots of room for exuberant wing-flapping exercise and energetic play; allow it daily out-of-cage time on play stations other than just the cage to minimize territorial behaviors. Encouraging healthy exercise can decrease problem behaviors like excessive screaming, since a tired parrot is a quiet parrot.

4) Establish controls with your parrot by lovingly teaching it to respond to the simple commands of Up and Down, and setting clear and consistent limits on its behavior. By teaching manners and setting boundaries, parrots can become better companions.

5) Give your parrot quality interaction daily, no matter how busy your life gets...even if for just 10-15 minutes of one on one time. Psittacines are biologically wild animals, and won't retain their "tameness" without daily contact with people

6) Make your companion bird a member of the family, since it is a flock animal and extremely social. Single birds should not be housed in rooms by themselves.

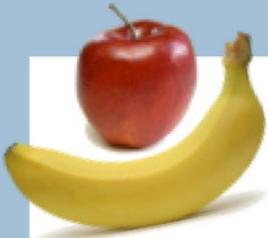
7) Socialize your parrot to family and trusted friends, thereby teaching it to adapt to the society in which it lives. It should be comfortable interacting with and being handled by other people. Do not allow it to become over-bonded to one person.

8) Assure your companion bird gets adequate rest, with 10-12 hours of dark, uninterrupted sleep time nightly. Sleep deprivation often leads to problem behaviors like biting, excessive screaming and feather destruction.

9) Establish trust with your companion bird by teaching it that it is safe with you. Consistency is critical to establishing trust, as your parrot learns what to expect from you and what you expect from it.

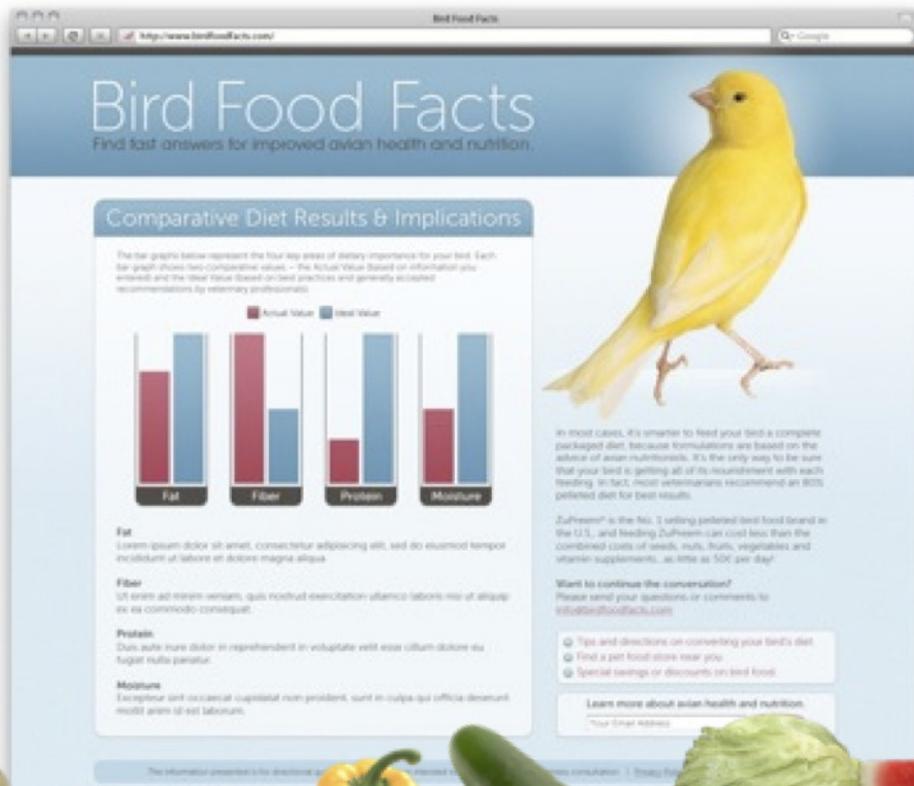
10) Accept your parrot for what it is, not what you want it to be. No matter how well trained it is, a healthy parrot may still be noisy messy and destructive because it's a parrot!

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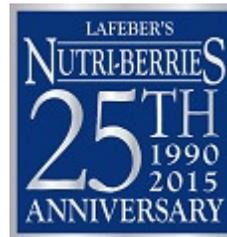
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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

All Creatures Animal Clinic
3382 Washtenaw Avenue
(734)973-1884
(Drs. Lewis & Alexander)

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Animal Kingdom Vet Hospital
4920 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
(734) 913-0003
(Dr. Daldin-Marsh)

Birch Run, MI 48415

Frankenmuth-Birch Run Veterinary Hospital
9339 Gera Road
(989) 652-6689
(Dr. Kimberlee Buck)

Birmingham, MI 48009

Birmingham Veterinary Clinic
33788 Woodward Avenue
(248) 647-5474
(Dr. Christine Glikis-Fernandez)

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Ross Animal Hospital for Animals
880 W. Long Lake
(248) 642-2050

Canton, MI 48187

Canton Center Animal Hospital
5900 Canton Center Road North
(734) 459-1400
(Drs. Grzanowski & Moran)

Clinton Twp., MI 48038-2794

Parkway Small Animal & Exotic Hosp
39321 Garfield Road
(586) 416-8800
(Drs. Bankstahl, Pope, Golombek & Engel)

Commerce Twp., MI 48382

Lakeside Animal Hospital
2645 Union Lake
(248) 363-0822
(Dr. J.A. Brooks)

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Vet Select Animal Hospital
1010 W. Oakley Park Road
(248) 926-9696
(Dr. Andrea Maceri)

Dearborn, MI 48124

Dearborn Family Pet Care
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Jefferson Veterinary Clinic
11300 E. Jefferson Street
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Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Jeffrey Animal Hospital
20720 Middlebelt Road
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2745 East Grand River Avenue
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Livonia, MI 48152

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Rochester Animal Clinic
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Royal Oak, MI 48067

Woodside Animal Clinic
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